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The Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, PC, MP
Minister of Public Works and Government Services
Room 435-S, Centre Block
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Dear Minister Gagliano:

RE: Jamaican Canadian Association

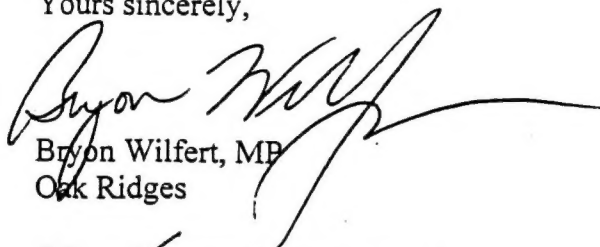
I write in support of the Jamaican Canadian Association's efforts to secure funding for a head office in the Toronto area.

I understand from a meeting I had with representatives of the Jamaican Canadian Association that they are having difficulties securing funding for their "bricks and mortar" project from Heritage Canada and the Canada Millennium Program because of the funding criteria used by these two federal bodies.

Realising this, community members raised the idea of obtaining some form of subsidised mortgage lending through the CMHC on under utilised or empty buildings within the GTA. I believe this to be a viable alternative to the other methods of funding they have tried. I would support this initiative and put the idea forward to you.

I know that our colleague Roy Cullen, MP, has approached his Regional Minister, the Hon. Allan Rock, PC, MP, Minister of Health, with a similar suggestion. Your assistance in getting involved in this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,


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